

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

New claims 61-72 are added herein.

In the Preliminary Amendment filed April 19, 2001, claims 3, 8, 16-32 and 39-42 were canceled, and claims 43-60 were added.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1,2, 4-7, 9-15, 33-38 and 43-72 are currently pending.

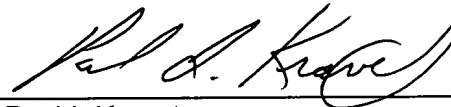
II. CONCLUSION

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please ADD new claims 61-72 in accordance with the following:

61. (NEW) A method comprising:
 - providing a database comprising data from a plurality of program areas in which entities are regulated;
 - adding permit data to the database, the permit data relating to permits allowing the regulated entities to operate in the program areas;
 - adding operational performance data to the database, the operational performance data relating to operational performance of the regulated entities in the program areas; and
 - accessing the database, having the added permit data and the added operational performance data, to enforce a respective permit.
62. (NEW) A method comprising:
 - providing a database comprising data from a plurality of program areas in which entities are regulated;
 - adding permit data to the database, the permit data relating to a permit allowing a respective regulated entity to operate in a respective program area;
 - adding operational performance data to the database, the operational performance data relating to operational performance of said respective regulated entity in said respective program area; and
 - accessing the database, having the added permit data and the added operational performance data, to enforce the permit.
63. (NEW) A method comprising:
 - providing a database comprising data from a plurality of program areas in which entities are regulated, the database having unique identifiers for the regulated entities, respectively;
 - adding permit data to the database, the permit data relating to permits allowing the regulated entities to operate in the program areas;

adding operational performance data to the database, the operational performance data relating to operational performance of the regulated entities in the program areas; and

accessing the database, having the added permit data and the added operational performance data, via the unique identifier for a respective regulated identity, to enforce a permit allowing the respective regulated identity to operate in a respective program area.

64. (NEW) A method as in claim 63, further comprising:

adding compliance data to the database, the compliance data relating to compliance of the regulated entities, wherein said accessing accesses the database, having the added permit data, the added operational performance data, and the added compliance data, to enforce said permit allowing the respective regulated identity to operating the respective program area.

65. (NEW) A method comprising:

providing a database comprising data from a plurality of program areas in which entities are regulated, the database having unique identifiers for the regulated entities, respectively;

adding permit data to the database, the permit data relating to a permit allowing a respective regulated entity to operate in a respective program area;

adding operational performance data to the database, the operational performance data relating to operational performance of said respective regulated entity in said respective program area; and

accessing the database, having the added permit data and the added operational performance data, via the unique identifier for said respective regulated identity, to enforce the permit.

66. (NEW) A method as in claim 65, further comprising:

adding compliance data to the database, the compliance data relating to compliance of said respective regulated entity, wherein said accessing accesses the database, having the added permit data, the added operational performance data, and the added compliance data, to enforce the permit.

67. (NEW) A method comprising:

providing a database comprising data from a plurality of program areas in which entities are regulated, a primary data level identifying the regulated entities and a data level below the primary data level identifying subject items of the regulated entities;

adding permit data to the database by referencing at least one of the subject items, the permit data relating to permits allowing the regulated entities to operate in the program areas;

adding self-monitoring and inspection data to the database with reference to the subject items, the self-monitoring and inspection data relating to self-monitoring and inspection of the regulated entities in the program areas; and

accessing the database, having the added permit data and the added self-monitoring and inspection data, to enforce a respective permit.

68. (NEW) A method comprising:

providing a database comprising data from a plurality of program areas in which entities are regulated, a primary data level identifying the regulated entities and a data level below the primary data level identifying subject items of the regulated entities;

adding, to the database, permit data relating to a permit allowing a respective regulated entity to operate in a respective program area, the permit data added to the database by referencing a subject item of said respective regulated entity;

adding, to the database, self-monitoring and inspection data of said respective regulated entity, the self-monitoring and inspection data being added to the database by referencing said subject item of said respective regulated entity; and

accessing the database, having the added permit data and the added self-monitoring and inspection data, to enforce the permit.

69. (NEW) A database structure, embodied on at least one computer accessible medium, to store data from a plurality of program areas in which entities are regulated, the database structure comprising:

a primary level identifying the regulated entities; and

a data level below the primary data level identifying subject items of the regulated entities, the subject items including objects and activities subject to regulatory requirements.

70. (NEW) A method comprising:

providing a database comprising data from a plurality of program areas in which entities are regulated, a primary data level identifying the regulated entities and a data level below the primary data level identifying subject items of the regulated entities; and

performing, by a respective regulated entity, regulatory functions using the primary data level and the data level below the primary data level via accessing the database.

71. (NEW) A method comprising:

providing a database comprising data from a plurality of program areas in which entities are regulated, a primary data level identifying the regulated entities and a data level below the primary data level identifying subject items of the regulated entities; and

generating, by a respective regulated entity, a regulatory inspection checklist using the primary data level and the data level below the primary data level via accessing the database.

72. (NEW) A method comprising:

providing a database comprising data from a plurality of program areas in which entities are regulated, a primary data level identifying the regulated entities and a data level below the primary data level identifying subject items of the regulated entities; and

generating, by a respective regulated entity, an enforcement action using the primary data level and the data level below the primary data level via accessing the database.